

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 10

Third Sunday in Lent

7th March 2021

## *Gospel Reflection* by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.



*The Dining Room:  
Feed your hearts during Lent  
with prayer.*

We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening in the Dining Room of the Parish Office for our Lenten Prayer Group.  
**Our next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm.**  
Your place at our table is saved. We will  
♥ Listen  
♥ Pray  
♥ Share and  
♥ Leave with an invitation to challenge ourselves.  
Booking is not necessary.  
You will need to sign in on arrival and Covid protocols will be followed.



*I've lived a life that's full  
I travelled each and every highway  
And more, much more than this  
I did it my way  
~ Frank Sinatra ~*

This week we farewell Joan Burtlew who has been a special member of our parish and made a huge contribution over the years. She will be missed by many. Heavily involved in our music ministry, Joan then took over the readers roster a few years ago which she ran with energy and love. She attended our Care & Concern functions and would regularly come to the Parish Office to fold our newsletters where she shared her stories and wisdom with humour. We admire her strength, dedication and compassion. Once Covid hit she would often call just to touch base and have a chat. We will miss her dearly.

Joan's funeral will be celebrated next **wednesday 10th March at 10am**. The burial will be at Hemmant Cemetery at 11.30am followed by refreshments. Due to Covid restrictions, the family have asked that you please register your place for the funeral as well as the burial and morning tea.

Please email Joan's daughter, Joan Ellen at [jellen6161@gmail.com](mailto:jellen6161@gmail.com).

*Rest in Peace Joan*

### Third Sunday in Lent

**1st reading: Exodus 20:1-17** *The Law was given through Moses.*

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 22-25** *We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God..*

**Gospel: John 2:13-25** *Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

## Parish News & Notices



**St Thomas'**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT  
1929 - 2019

### 2022 Prep Enrolments

A child born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 is eligible for prep in 2022. Preference for enrolment will be given to siblings of children already attending St Thomas', provided all enrolment procedures are completed.

Got to: <http://www.stthomascamphill.qld.edu.au/> to enrol.

**Prep Enrolments for 2022 close on 19 March 2021.**



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent at 6.30pm as we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our church.

*All are welcome.*



### Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

**You can donate through Parish boxes/envelopes, visit [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.**

### LENTEN EXPLAINERS - A SERIES OF 7 VIDEOS OVER 40 DAYS

Two of the Archdiocese of Brisbane's seminarians who are currently on parish placement (David Nightingale at Alexandra Hills Capalaba and Gerard Lai at Rochedale Springwood) have appeared in a series of 1 –2 minute "explainers" about certain terminology and practices throughout Lent which are an interesting & informative watch. The first few of these can be viewed here:

1. RE: What is Shrove Tuesday? [https://youtu.be/cV\\_L0AY6JqI](https://youtu.be/cV_L0AY6JqI)
2. RE: Why do we use Ashes during Lent? <https://youtu.be/a8sI2VwUZis>
3. RE: How do you fast during Lent? <https://youtu.be/VqSUcwnTeaM>
4. RE: Why can't we say the A word (Alleluia) in Lent? <https://youtu.be/oKbN6g1k9TM>

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### Office hours

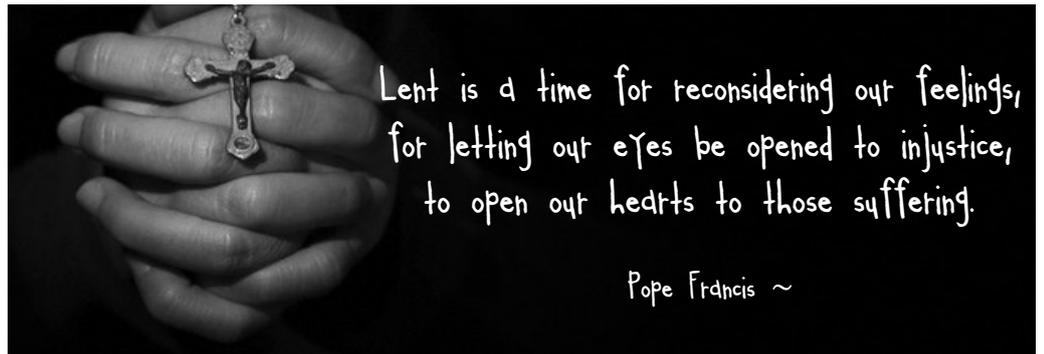
8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest** - Fr Christopher Obi  
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**Parish Secretary**  
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### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Peter Owen, Jacob Mu, Annette Bongiorno

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Burlew, Warwick Marden,

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunatici, Theresa King, Antonio D'Alessandro, Daryll King, Eileen Heggie, Margaret Perry, Ross Evans, Raymond Mullen, Neil Harkiss, Mary Wheatley, George Coombes, Mark Pantarotto, James Croning, Gwendolyn Taylor, William O'Sullivan, John Graham, Jim Corbett, Vickie Robbins, Morgan Innes, Beverley McKewin, Margaret Hess, Ronald Ashton, Patricia O'Connor, Maureen Harding, William Bradbury, Ron Kelly, Ian Douglas, Herb Collie, Lorraine Morrison, Bob Bongiorno, Maureen Harding

# Did you know..?

St Thomas' has a Parish Pastoral Council which is an important consultative planning body in the life and work of our parish. It is a council of parishioners who work with the Parish Priest on pastoral issues. Their role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. On a practical level, our Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the Parish, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

We would love to welcome some new members to our council to bring fresh ideas and support our existing group. The Pastoral Council meets once per month so it is not a huge time commitment but you would be adding great value to our community.

If you think you might be interested in being part of this please speak to Fr Christopher or contact the Parish Office on 3398 1154 or [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information.

## World Day of Prayer

This week (Friday 5th March) St Thomas' joined with other local parishes to celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2021 at St James' Coorparoo.

Four representatives of our parish attended with St Thomas' taking part through sharing one of the readings. It was, by all accounts, a beautiful celebration. This year's focus country was Vanuatu with the theme: 'Build on a Strong Foundation'

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. It is an opportunity to set aside one day in the year to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific country.

Next year's celebration will be held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Coorparoo. The country will be England/Wales/Northern Ireland and the theme is 'I know the plans I have for you'

Looking ahead, St Thomas' Parish will host the World Day of Prayer in 2026. The focus country will be Nigeria and the theme 'I will give you rest: Come'.



The altar for this year's celebration was beautifully decorated.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS



A special Mass for St Patrick's Day will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on Wednesday 17 March 2021. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the principal celebrant with Fr Gerard McMorrow concelebrating.

All are welcome to attend but, due to COVID restrictions, it is essential you register your attendance. Numbers are limited.

To register on-line, go to the Cathedral website:

[www.cathedralofststephen.org.au](http://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au)

On the home page, click on "Mass & Reconciliation" on top menu then scroll down to "Bookings for Regular Weekly Masses"

- Click on "Weekdays Mon to Fri 10am"
- Click on the orange box "SELECT A DATE"
- Scroll down to 17 March and click on the orange box "TICKETS"
- Enter the number of tickets (people attending) required
- Click on orange box "REGISTER"
- Click on orange box "CONTINUE"
- Enter your details and, when completed, click on the orange box "REGISTER"

Your name will be on an attendance sheet at door, so no need to bring tickets with you.

**COUPLES RETREAT**

TAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th March  
FROM 8:30AM TO 5:00PM

During the weekend of you will hear from trained couples who will guide your loving experience on each day. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and Sunday Mass are included. You will get the opportunity to start improving your relationship with practical activities from the start.

Cost is \$180 per couple both days, including lunch, morning and afternoon teas Venue is Holy Spirit School Hall, 36 Villiers St, New Farm

Please enter one registration per couple via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/couplesretreat2021>

**men**  
**ALIVE**  
**men's weekend**

when was the last time you felt  
**FULLY ALIVE?**

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

13th & 14th March 2021  
OUR LADY OF  
THE ANGELS PARISH  
St Gerard Majella, Chermside West  
St Paschal Baylon, Wavell Heights

www.menalive.org.au      God is glorified when men are fully alive  
St Irenaeus

Call to all Catholics

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission through an advertising campaign, **Call To All Catholics.**

They aim to reach out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith.

All parishes are invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who disconnected from the Church (fliers are in the church)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

For more information, go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

**COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE**  
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again"

**START**

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**FINISH**

**Engaging the Kids...**

Ideas for the children for Lent this week..

**Monday:**  
Find out more about Project Compassion story of Olivia in Tanzania

**Tuesday:**  
Say a prayer of thanks before meals

**Wednesday:**  
Pray for your grandparents and relatives

**Thursday:**  
Help clean up after dinner

**Friday:**  
Fast from extra treats

**Saturday:**  
Read 1 John 4: 19